

DIVISION OF WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF PROPOSED TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR E. COLI IN THE OBION RIVER WATERSHED (HUC 08010202), TENNESSEE

Announcement is hereby given of the availability of Tennessee's proposed total maximum daily load (TMDL) for E. coli in the Obion River watershed, located in western Tennessee. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act requires states to develop TMDLs for waters on their impaired waters list. TMDLs must determine the allowable pollutant load that the water can assimilate, allocate that load among the various point and nonpoint sources, include a margin of safety, and address seasonality.

A number of waterbodies are listed on Tennessee's Final 2006 303(d) list as not supporting designated use classifications due, in part, to discharge of E. coli from agriculture and undetermined fecal/pathogen sources. The TMDL utilizes Tennessee's general water quality criteria, recently collected site specific water quality data, continuous flow data from USGS discharge monitoring stations located in the watershed, a calibrated hydrologic model, and load duration curves to establish allowable loadings of E. coli which will result in reduced in-stream concentrations and attainment of water quality standards. The TMDL requires reductions of E. coli loading on the order of 31-68% for the listed waterbodies.

INFORMATION: [TMDL Document](#) and [Appendices](#) (requires Adobe Reader)

Technical questions regarding this TMDL should be directed to the following members of the Division of Water Pollution Control staff:

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Persons wishing to comment on the proposed TMDL are invited to submit their comments in writing no later than January 16, 2007 to:

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401 Church Street
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All comments received prior to that date will be considered when revising the TMDL for final submittal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The TMDL and supporting information are on file at the Division of Water Pollution Control, 7th Floor L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee. They may be inspected during normal office hours. Copies of the information on file are available on request.